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In re Application of  
GERARDUS DE VRIES  
Application No. 08/966,954  
Filed: November 10, 1997  
Attorney Docket No. 6211P001

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 26, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to reply timely to the nonfinal Office action mailed December 28, 1999, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to respond. No extensions of time were obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on March 29, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 25, 2000.

The petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Petitioner submitted the required reply in the form of an amendment, paid the petition fee, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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